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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **NOVEL BACTERIAL RNASE P PROTEINS AND THEIR USE IN IDENTIFYING ANTIBACTERIAL COMPOUNDS**, the specification of which

- is attached hereto.
 was filed on March 1, 2000 as Application Serial No. 09/516,061
and was amended on _____.
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____
filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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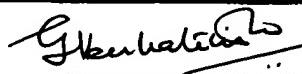
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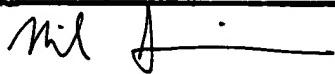
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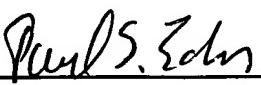
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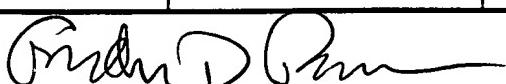
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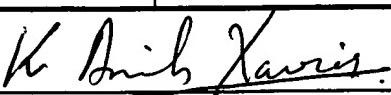
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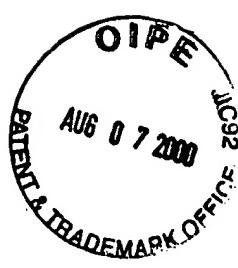
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(d)) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

Name of Organization: The Ohio State University
Address of Organization: 1960 Kenny Road, Columbus, OH 43210-1063
Type of Organization:

- [X] University or Other Institution of Higher Education
[] Tax Exempt under Internal Revenue Service Code (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3))
[] Nonprofit Scientific or Educational under Statute of State of the United States of America
Name of State:
Citation of Statute:
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[] Would Qualify as Nonprofit Scientific or Educational under Statute of State of the United States of America If Located in the United States of America
Name of State:
Citation of Statute:

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled NOVEL BACTERIAL RNase P PROTEINS AND THEIR USE IN IDENTIFYING ANTIBACTERIAL COMPOUNDS by inventors Venkat Gopalan, Milan Jovanovic, Paul S. Eder, Tony Giordano, Gordon D. Powers, and K. Asish Xavier described in

- [] the specification filed herewith.
[X] application serial no. 09/516,061, filed March 1, 2000.
[] patent no. [**PATENT NUMBER**], issued [**ISSUE DATE**].

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above identified invention.

If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

Full Name: Message Pharmaceuticals
Address: 30 Spring Mill Drive, Malvern, PA 19355
[] INDIVIDUAL [X] SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN [] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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I hereby declare that I am

- the owner of the small business concern identified below:
 an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of Small Business Concern: Message Pharmaceuticals

Address of Small Business Concern: 30 Spring Mill Drive, Malvern, PA 19355

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